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REMARKS

Claims 8-14 are pending in the application, claims 1-7 having been canceled.

A newly signed Declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.67(a) is enclosed, identifying this application by application number and filing date and including the citizenship of each inventor, per the Examiner's requirement on page 2 of the Office Action.

New claims 8-14 parallel original claims 1-7, which have been canceled, and include no new matter. These new claims overcome the informalities noted by the Examiner on pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action. Further, new claims 8-14 overcome the 35 U.S.C. §112 rejection noted on page 3 of the Office Action, as well as the 35 U.S.C. §101 rejection noted on page 3 of the Office Action.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance, early notification of which is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite the application at large, request is made that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney at (908) 518-7700 in order to resolve any outstanding issues.

FEES

The Office is authorized to charge any fees required, to deposit account number 50-1047.

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